



*City of Beverly, Massachusetts*

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**RE: BEVERLY AWARDED HOST COMMUNITY PROGRAM GRANT**

### BEVERLY – The City of Beverly was recently awarded a three year Host Community Program Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) to fund a Municipal Assistance Coordinator who will provide technical assistance and support to municipalities to increase recycling, composting, and reuse, reduce the toxicity of the waste stream and foster regional cooperation and innovative approaches to waste reduction. The 3-year grant is funded at \$107,355 per year for this position.

The Municipal Assistance Coordinator will act under the supervision of MassDEP and will conduct various activities targeted at helping North Shore area municipalities establish and maintain effective recycling and waste reduction programs. In addition, through MassDEP's Sustainable Materials Recovery Program, the Coordinator will be assigned to work with grantees (municipalities and regional groups) to assist with the implementation of selected waste reduction initiatives. The Coordinator shall also provide assistance to the Beverly on matters relating to solid waste management, recycling, composting, hazardous household waste, and other waste reduction priorities as approved by MassDEP.

The following North Shore area communities will be supported by the Municipal Assistance Coordinator: Amesbury, Beverly, Boxford, Chelsea, Danvers, Essex, Everett, Georgetown, Gloucester, Groveland, Hamilton, Haverhill, Ipswich, Lynn, Lynnfield, Malden, Manchester, Marblehead, Melrose, Merrimac, Middleton, Nahant, Newbury, Newburyport, North Reading, Peabody, Reading, Revere, Rockport, Rowley, Salem, Salisbury, Saugus, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wakefield, Wenham, West Newbury and Winthrop.

"I want to thank MassDEP for this regional position that helps our communities address climate change, implement recycling and composting programs, cut down on our trash and save the City money. Done effectively, reducing our waste stream significantly decreases our greenhouse gas emissions. Our regional Municipal Assistance Coordinator works hard to help us develop and share best practices throughout the region", stated Beverly Mayor Michael Cahill.

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